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RAJYA SABHA

Units of HMT Ltd.

2386. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the units of the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. in the country;
- (b) the type of items manufactured in each of these units;
- (c) the losses and profits made by each unit during the last three years;
- (d) the reasons for incurring losses by these units; and
- (e) the names of units which are laying closed at present?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The details are given in the annexed statement. (See below)

- (d) The reasons for losses are:
 - (i) high employment cost due to surplus manpower
 - (ii) high interest cost due to excessive debt burden
 - (iii) severe working capital shortage
 - (iv) increased competition after liberalization especially due to import of second hand machines
 - (v) reduction in investments by major customers.
- (c) Watch Case Division, Hyderabad; Miniature Battery Unit, Guwahati; Food Processing Machinery Unit, Aurangabad; Central Metal Forming Institute, Hyderabad and Lamps Division, Hyderabad have been identified for closure. These perennially loss making units with cumulative loss of Rs. 232.80 crore are incurring losses since inception.

STATEMENT

UNITS	Products	C. The Losses and Profits made by each Unit during the last 3 Years		
		Profits & Losses for the last 3 years		
		Value Rs. Crore	1997-98	1998-99
Machine Tools, Bangalore	Machine Tools	8.86	-3.72	-3.78
Die Casting & Plastic Die Casting Machinery Division	Die Casting	1.73	0.97	1.73
Precision Machinery Division, Bangalore	Machine Tools	-2.48	-2.65	-0.81
Machine Tools, Pinjore	Machine Tools	6.49	-1.88	-8.48
Machine Tools, Kalamassery	Machine Tools	1.28	-3.39	-5.67
Printing Machinery Division Kalamassery	Printing Machines	-4.35	0.57	-4.72
Machine Tools, Hyderabad Press Division, Hyderabad	Machine Tools	-1.54	-1.68	-22.45
Machine Tools, Ajmer	Presses	0.74	-4.23	-5.80
Central Reconditioning Division Bangalore	Machine Tools	-1.09	-4.10	-5.54
CNC Systems Division, Bangalore	Reconditioning	1.11	0.83	1.85
Watch Factory, Bangalore	Machine Tools	3.05	2.97	1.84
Watch Factory, Srinagar	Watches	-5.66	-13.82	-30.83
Watch Factory, Tumkur	Watches	-12.72	-11.19	-16.36
Watch Factory, Ranibagh	Watches	-16.65	-5.71	-37.92
Watch Case Division, Bangalore	Watches	-22.16	-29.39	-50.72
Watch Case Division, Hyderabad	Watches	-6.71	9.1	-4.65
Miniature Battery Unit, Guwahati	Watch Cases	-2.39	-2.70	-3.02
Food Processing Machinery Unit, Aurangabad	Miniature Battery	-0.24	-0.82	-1.03
Central Metal Forming Institute, Hyderabad	Food Processing Machinery	-0.91	1.13	-1.21
		-5.15	2.54	-5.28

1	2	3	4	5
Lamps Division, Hyderabad	Lamps	-12.83	-1.29	-0.11
Tractor Division, Pimpri	Tractors	32.60	34.38	13.72

Export of Rajkot's Farmed Diesel Pump Industry Products

2387. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from a high of 22 per cent of total production being exported annually some years ago, only eight per cent of Rajkot's farmed diesel-pump industry products find its way to the export market; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The farm diesel pumps industry is totally de-licensed and de-controlled and therefore the performance of this sector on domestic as well as on export front is based on the inter-play of various market forces. As ascertained from the Rajkot Engineering Association, over the years, there appears to be a decline in the export performance of Rajkot make Diesel Engines and Pumps. Reasons for this according to the Association, may *inter-alia* be attributed to withdrawal of export incentives, high interest rates on loans from banks and financial institutions, high incidence of taxes, devaluation of currency by neighboring and other South East Asian Countries making their products more competitive etc.

Vacancies of Chairman in PSUs

2388. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts of Chief Executive/Chairman including part time Chairman in the Central Public Sector Undertakings which are vacant at present and by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up;